

**DOWNTOWN MARIETTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2009**

Members Present: Tom Browning, Bill Dunaway, Roger DeBoy, Carey Cox, Johnny Fulmer, Sam Olens

Members Absent: Al Johnson, Dave Reardon

Attorney: Tom Cauthorn

Recording Secretary: Mary Anne Landers

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Tom Browning called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the 4th Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Agenda Item II – Approval of Minutes of last meeting (February 12, 2009).

The minutes of the last meeting held on February 12, 2009 were unanimously approved as moved by Mr. DeBoy and seconded by Mr. Fulmer.

Agenda Item III – Request from Theatre in the Square and Lyric Theatre (Strand) for playbill ads support- Johnny Fulmer

Theatre in the Square and The Lyric Theatre (with musical plays @ The Strand) request support in the amount of \$500 each for Playbill Ad Sponsorship.

Action: Mr. Fulmer made the motion to support the theaters with \$500 each for playbill sponsorship. Mr. Cox seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Dunaway and Mr. DeBoy abstained. They are members of the Theatre Board.

Agenda Item IV – 2008 Audit and 2009 compilation contract – Moore & Cubbedge
Mr. Browning, chairman, signed the compilation contract as requested by Moore & Cubbedge.

Agenda V – Other Business

Mary Anne Landers reported that the City will be paying Gone with the Wind Museum rent.

After an explanation, Mr. Cox made a motion to send 9 letters to entities related to bonds. Mr. Dunaway seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There was discussion about rental of the first floor of the Kennesaw House. It has been vacant since January, 2009. Philip Goldstein is assisting in finding a new renter.

Sam Olens made the motion to ask Mr. Goldstein to talk to the Museum of History (occupants of the top two floors) about renting the first floor, then to report back at the next meeting. Mr. DeBoy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tom Browning reported that DMDA support for the arts was cut \$36,000 this year. There was a discussion about ways to generate revenue (rather than raise mileage rate) for sponsorships by increasing the number of events held on the Square.

Mr. Reardon reported that vendors on the Square during events are competing with the restaurants and taking business away from business owners.

Agenda Item VI – Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Authority, Chairman Browning adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

William B. Dunaway, Secretary-Treasurer